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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science 2022 (expected)

Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology

Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science 2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors) 2015

RESEARCH

Working Papers and Works-in-Progress

“Targeting Civil War: Intra-state Conflict and the Opportunity-cost of Foreign Aid.” Submitted for review.

“Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Foreign Aid: How Donor Interests and Recipient Need Shape Strategic Reactions in Aid Allocation.”

“Xinhua Coverage of Chinese Foreign Aid Allocations.” With Lucie Lu

“Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment via Random Forests.”

“Strategic Multilateralism: International Development Cooperation and the World Bank.”

Journal Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. “[Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women.](#)” *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. “[The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter.](#)” *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-39.

Book Chapters

Williams, Miles D. and Matthew S. Winters. “[The World Bank.](#)” Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich.

Ashley, Jeffrey and Miles Williams. 2018. “[Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-match in Chicago Suburbs.](#)” In *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. S. Foreman and M. Godwin.

Conference Presentations

"Divided We Stand: The Connection between Social Media Use and Deepening Partisan Divisions." 2016. Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences.

Technical Guides

["Reporting Statistical Results in Text and in Graphs."](#) With Ryan T. Moore and Russell Burnett.

Blogging

I occasionally have contributed to [Religion in Public](#)

Software

[RFA](#) - Implements [random forest adjustment](#) (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

[seerrr](#) - Tools that simplify the process of doing computational power analysis.

[SARM](#) - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by [Steinwand \(2011\)](#).

[oesr](#) (available soon, with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evaluation Sciences' [recommended style guide](#).

TEACHING

Intro to International Relations, Independent Instructor (online) 2021

Intro to Political Science, Teaching Assistant 2017

UIUC Math Camp

Probability in R 2018-2020

Integrals 2020

Linear Regression 2021

PROFESSIONAL

U.S. Office of Evaluations Sciences, Associate Fellow

Methods Specialist 2020-present

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Research Assistant

Cara Wong 2020-present

Matthew S. Winters 2018-2020

Eastern Illinois University

Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley 2016

Presidential Graduate Assistant

2015-2016

AWARDS AND GRANTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus

2021

Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence

2018

Eastern Illinois University

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

2018

Williams Travel Grant

2016

SERVICE

International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator

2020-2021

Graduate Methods Committee

Member

2019-2021

Chair

2020

UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member

2019-2020